

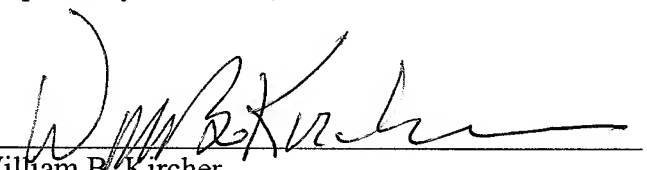
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In this preliminary amendment, Applicant has added Claims 18-25. Claims 8-17 have been withdrawn. Support for the addition of Claim 18 can be found in paragraph 0010 of the Specification. That paragraph discloses the process of "applying an adhesive strip to a width of the waterproofing membrane." Further, paragraph 0026 of the Specification discloses applying adhesive "to a trailing or slit edge of the adjacent sections of the waterproofing membrane." Accordingly, Claims 1-7 and 18-25 are pending for prosecution with Claims 1 and 18 being independent.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard. Should any fees be necessitated by this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 11-0160.

Respectfully submitted,

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